Agitation of Doctors in Government Hospitals

2687. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agitation of doctors at the Capital's two premier Hospitals has been going on for number of days;

(b) whether the unattended patients were put to hardship and some have died during the strike;

(c) the reasons for not taking timely action to end the strike; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to prevent the recurrence of such events?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The strikes in All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Safdarjung Hospitals have been called off.

(b) There was a decline in the number of patients. There is however, no report of any death of a patient due to non-attendance by the doctors during the strike.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government has always made all out efforts to examine genuine demands of various Unions and Associations through the available mechanisms established for this purpose.

Participation of foreign agencies in family planning programmes

2688. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:
SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Medical experts are seriously concerned about the increasing participation of foreign agencies in India's family planning programmes;

(b) whether Government have received a spate of representations asking not to allow foreign agencies in India's family planning programmes;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(d) the role of private voluntary organisations in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Financial, commodity and technical assistance is received from some external agencies for the National Family Welfare Programme. The extent of external assistance, in relation to the size of the National Family Welfare Programme, is not a matter of concern.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Some externally assisted projects include a component of assistance to voluntary/non-governmental organisations for achievement of the objectives of the Project.

Poor service conditions in Government Hospitals

2689. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor service conditions in Government hospitals in Delhi and elsewhere in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the service conditions particularly essential and emergency services in each and every hospital?